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By His Excellency

Thomas Chittenden Esq

239:30

Captain-General, Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the State of Vermont

A Proclamation

In conformity to the dictates of Reason and Religion. I have thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council and at the request of the General Assembly to appoint Thursday, the third day of December next, to be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise throughout this State. That the people may unite in the devout exercises of Religion. Acknowledge their dependence upon the Supreme Governor of the Universe; Manifest their gratitude to him for his innumerable favors; and adore the author of all their mercies. And I do hereby recommend to all persons of every denomination, residing in this State, to assemble on said day, at their usual places of public worship, and with hearts suitably impressed with a sense of their obligations, devoutly to render & obtrude their tribute of praise, That he hath ordered the seasons of the year in such abundant mercy to this people; That a measure of Health hath been enjoyed notwithstanding sickness hath in many instances prevailed; That so much peace and tranquility have pervaded this State, That we enjoy a Constitution and Government so well adapted to secure liberty with order, and the equal rights of the people, as citizens and men; For that national dignity and rank which we sustain, and the general prosperity attending the United States; And above all, for the blessings of Divine Grace continued to us in the enjoyment of the benevolent Religion of Jesus Christ. And while the people of this State express their gratitude to the great author of all their mercies, it is recommended to them to renounce their sins. fervently to implore the Divine blessing on their

Country, on the Church of Christ and upon all mankind
- That wars may cease. Tyranny be destroyed, peace
and liberty with order every where prevail;
That all may be partakers of the good and submit to
the government of the Almighty disposer of all events
Done in Council, at Windsor, on the fifteenth day of
October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and ninety five

By his Excellency's Command Thomas Chatterden

Secretary

G. B. B. Lord the People